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Mr. Dee J. Williamson
Monticello Project Manager
Department of Energy
Grand Junction Project Office
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RE: Revising the Monticello
Millsite Schedule

Dear Mr. Williamson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has consulted with the Utah Division of Environmental Health (State) and would like to modify the existing Millsite schedule to allow additional time in which to review the draft final RI/FS and the "Proposed Plan for the Remedial Action at the Monticello Millsite, Monticello, Utah". We request that the review period be extended until December 8, 1989. This request is being made for the following reasons: (1) the RI/FS needs to be reviewed concurrently with the Proposed Plan; (2) the RI/FS was not received by either EPA or the State until November 6, 1989; and (3) there are several unresolved issues which EPA and the State would prefer to have closure on prior to submitting our final comments.

To accommodate the above requested schedule change, we propose that each subsequent submittal date on the Monticello Millsite Schedule (revision #3, August 18, 1989) be extended 14 days. This change would require that the DOE's draft ROD be submitted on May 7, 1990. EPA and the State will try to meet the presently scheduled approval date for the ROD of June 30, 1990.

EPA would also like to request that the revised schedule include a DOE signature date 30 days following the approval by EPA and the State. Since we shall be working together on the ROD's content, and since DOE headquarters should be aware of the status and receive timely notification of any substantive changes to the ROD, we do not believe that a situation similar to that which has delayed DOE's signing of the Monticello Vicinity Properties ROD should arise.

Finally, it should be noted that we have received a follow-up telephone call from the law firm representing Mr. Patterson requesting additional time to review the RI/FS. I have not had the opportunity to discuss this request with Regional Counsel. We may need to collectively address this issue on either Monday the 27th or Tuesday the 28th of November.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at FTS 564-1838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul S. Mushovic".

Paul S. Mushovic
Remedial Project Manager

cc: McLeod, UDH
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